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1. EMBASSY WISHED TO MAKE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA OF
TRADE AND INVESTMENT GROUP FOR NEW YORK CITY PORTION OF TRIP.

A. CHASE MAHATTAN BANK WOULD LIKE TO HOST LUNCHEON AND WORKING
SESSION. RESIDENT LAGOS DIRECTOR TES IS CABLING NEW YORK HEAD-
QUARTERS THIS MORNING TO ARRANGE. DATE SHOULD BE APRIL 27

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AS BANK IS CONDUCTING EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETING FOR AFRICAN DIVISION
APRIL 24-26. PLEASE CALL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT JAMES BISH OR
VICE PRESIDENT ROBIN HOEN.

B. PLEASE MOVE FARREL-PORT OF NEW YORK EVENT TO APRIL 26.
RESIDENT LAGOS REPRESENTATIVE KRISTBERGS TELEPHONED VICE PRESI-
DENT BILL TOOMEY NINE DAYS AGO AND GOT LATTER'S FULL APPROVAL
FOR WORKING TOUR AND LUNCHEON. PLEASE CONFER DIRECTLY WITH ED

CHICK OR PAT GUZZI WHO BY NOW SHOULD BE FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE.

C. UNION CARBIDE WHICH IS NEGOTIATING NAIRA MILLION BATTERY PLANT INVESTMENT IN NIGERIA WISHES TO HOST DISCUSSIONS AT ITS 270 PARK AVENUE HEADQUARTERS. COMPANY ALSO WISHES TO ORGANIZE COCKTAILS AND DINNER. CALL AREA CHAIRMAN DWIGHT WAIT; COMPANY TREASURES OZZIE WEAVER IS CONTACTING HIM FROM LAGOS.

D. ORVILLE FREEMAN, PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL, INVITES GROUP TO SESSION IN COMPANY BOARDROOM (SECOND AVENUE AND 42ND STREET) AND TO DINNER. FREEMAN WILL CALL YOU.

E. WE SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DIRECTLY OR USE BCIU TO LINE UP SUCH FIRMS AS GENERAL ELECTRIC, GENERAL MOTORS, AND FORD (WAYNE FREDERICK), ALL OF WHOM CAN FURNISH MEANINGFUL INPUT. PLS CALL INTL PLANNING ASSOCIATES (WALTER HANSEN 703-893-4310) FOR INPUT. YOU MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER INFORMING IBM OF BILATERAL TALKS TO SEE IF IT WISHES INVOLVEMENT. IBM IS PRESUMABLY LOOKING FOR WAY TO REMAIN HERE BY INDIGENIZING ITS AGENCY AND SERVICE OPERATIONS.

2. LOOKING AT EMERGING NEW YORK SCHEDULE AND DESIRE OF BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO UTILIZE EVENINGS, WE SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER BRINGING BACK WORKING GROUP TO WASHINGTON BY PLANE EARLY ON FRIDAY MORNING RATHER THAN ON THURSDAY NIGHT. GIVEN 10 A.M. STARTING TIME FOR THIRD PLENARY SESSION, THIS SHOULD BE FEASIBLE.

3. WHILE OTHER WORKING GROUPS ALREADY SET FORTH THEIR VIEWS AND REQUESTS DURING NOVEMBER TALKS AS REFLECTED IN JOINT STAT-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMENT AND MEMORANDA OF MEETINGS, EDUCATION GROUP IS A LATE COMER TO THE SCENE AND HAS HAD TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME. UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF JIBRIL AMINU, GROUP RECENTLY MET AND FORMULATED IMAGINATIVE AND WIDE-RANGING PAPER. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED PAPER AND CAO TOMSEN HAS HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH AMINU ON POINTS RAISED BY BOTH FMG AND USG. PAPER WAS GIVEN TO AID CONTRACTS OFFICER PHILIP CASTEEL (COMPETING TDY HERE) TO HAND-CARRY TO KOTT. DOCUMENT IS AN INTERNAL FMG WORKING PAPER AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION. GOING BEYOND EDUCATIONAL SECTOR, PAPER HIGHLIGHTS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS FOR STOPPING OF LAND EROSION AND DEVELOPING NIGER RIVER, NATURAL GAS, MINERAL RESOURCES, SMALL SCALE INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE. IT EMPHASIZES ISSUES RAISED BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN LAGOS NATIONAL THEATER SPEECH (I.E., NIGER RIVER, DISEASE ERADICATION, EDUCATION).

4. WITHIN EDUCATIONAL CONTEXT PAPER INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

A. TECHNICAL EDUCATION INCLUDING CONCEPT OF UPGRADING TECHNICAL AWARENESS OF YOUTH THROUGH FAMILY AND SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND RE-ORDERING OF NIGERIAN FACULTIES OF ENGINEERING AND SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY.

B. PROVISION OF U.S. SCIENCE TEACHERS TO NIGERIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS COLLEGES. (SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MIGHT

BE HELPFUL HERE.)

C. BASIC HEALTH TRAINING.

D. EASING OF MONEY AND TENURE CONSTRAINTS IN UNIVERSITY LEVEL EXCHANGE. COOPERATION VIA FURTHER BLOCK GRANT SALARY SUPPLEMENTATION AND EXPANSION OF TENURE THROUGH LINKAGES WITH COLLEGES OF TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

E. REVISION OF RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRANCE FOR TRAINING IN U.S. OF FOREIGN MEDICAL DOCTORS.

F. EASING OF RESTRICTIONS ON NIGERIA'S RECEIVING CONCESSIONAL AID.

5. AMINU WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HEW AND VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING, WHICH RELATE TO PROJECTS MENTIONED ABOVE. HE WOULD PREFER THAT THESE BE GROUPED INTO ONE OR TWO ROUNDTABLES. IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGARD TO SUGGESTIONS TRANSMITTED IN REF C, AMINU BELIEVES ANY TRIP OUT OF WASHINGTON (I.E., TO MINNESOTA) SHOULD NOT BE MADE AT EXPENSE OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. HE BELIEVES FIELD TRIP COULD CONSIST OF ONE-DAY TOUR OF INSTITUTIONS IN MARYLAND-VIRGINIA SUBURBS. HOWEVER, IF SUBSTANTIVE TALKS CAN BE SATISFACTORILY COMPETED, MINNESOTA TRIP COULD BE INCLUDED. AMINU'S GROUP WOULD DISCUSS MID-LEVEL MANPOWER. HE IS PREPARED TO LISTEN TO DISCUSSION OF SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS PROBLEMS ALTHOUGH THIS IS COMPLEX ISSUE. AS SEASONED BUREAUCRAT, AMINU SEES BINATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION AS COMPETITOR TO HIS OWN NUC. HE PLANS TO STATE THAT COUNSELING FUNCTION IS RESPONSIBILITY OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, BUT HE IS WILLING TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH US. AMINU LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH OLC AND WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF THE SUPPLEMENTATION PROJECT UNDER THE BLOCK GRANT COULD BE SIGNED WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON.

6. COMMENT: THE FOREGOING INFORMATION ON EDUCATION GROUP INDICATED THAT AMINU'S CHAIRMANSHIP PLUS LATE ORGANIZATION OF WORKING GROUP PRESENTS A DYNAMIC AND SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED SITUATION. OPPORTUNITIES ARE SIGNIFICANT TO BROADEN THE HORIZON OF COOPERATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, SIZABLE EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED TO ADDRESS ALL THE ISSUES RAISED. IN ANY CASE, THE EXERCISE SHOULD GUARANTEE THAT LARGE NUMBER OF NEW COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES ARE OPENED.

7. WE HAVE CONVEYED TO FMG OUR DESIRE THAT DELEGATION BE FLEXIBLE IN COMPOSITION OF WORKING GROUP. WE SEE NO PROBLEM HERE. WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO INCLUDE NNPC MEMBER IN DELEGATION.
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